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DELAY G-GIRL DEATH VERDICT

AWAIT CHECK OF VICTIM IN CABIN BLAZE

AF Officer Burned In Rescue Try

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A death certificate was withheld Sunday pending a thorough examination of the remains of a pretty Washington government



girl who was killed in a riverside cabin fire Saturday night at Avalon Shores, Md. Anne Arundel county medical examiner Dr. Elmer G. Linhardt said he wants a "number of questions answered" and a complete analysis of vital organs made before he issues the certificate.

Mrs. Joanna Fecteau, 26, of the Dupont Plaza hotel, was killed in the blaze which swept thru the four-room cabin she was sharing with an Air Force major.

Assigned to G.W.U.

The officer, Maj. Carl P. Garver, 39, was recently assigned to a brief tour of duty with the R.O.T.C. unit at George Washington university.

A spokesman for the unit said Maj. Garver is scheduled to be discharged soon as part of a general reduction of officer personnel in the Air Force.

The shapely redhead, it was learned, was about to return to her home in Lynn, Mass., when the tragedy occurred.

Husband Missing Airman

Relatives said she was waiting for the final prisoner-of-war list to be released by the Communists in Korea before going home. On it she had hoped to see the name of her husband, Richard Fecteau, a 26-year-old Department of Defense employee, who has not been heard from since his plane crashed off Japan last December.

Dr. Linhardt reported death apparently was caused by suffocation, but he said he would await the post mortem examination before issuing a verdict.

The major was napping on the front porch of the cabin when the blaze was detected by a neighbor. Miss Cora E. Soper, the neighbor, told police she ran to the burning cottage and aroused Garver.

Major Slightly Burned

Police said the officer burned his hands slightly, apparently when he rushed into the cabin to try to save the woman.

Cause of the fire had not been determined, but police said it may have been caused by defective wiring in the kitchen.

Investigators reported they found the woman arrived at the cottage

Came Here Year Ago

Frank Deem, of Lynn, the victim's father, told the Times-Herald his daughter came to Washington over a year ago and that she had been working for the government. He did not know in what department, however.

Before leaving Lynn, Mrs. Fecteau was an office worker in a Boston hospital.

Deem said his daughter and Fecteau were married in Washington last year. Shortly after the wedding, Fecteau was ordered overseas on a Department of Defense assignment.

At the Dupont Plaza an official explained the woman moved into an apartment there on Sept. 1 and had paid her rent for a month.

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